

REMARKS

It is respectfully requested that the above amendments be made prior to Examination. On September 15, 2003, Examiner Shane Bomar of the United States Patent and Trademark Office contacted the undersigned to pose a restriction requirement on the above-referenced file. The restriction requirement was between the method and device claimed in claims 1-24 and the packer claimed in claim 25. After reviewing the claims responsive to this restriction requirement, the undersigned advised the Examiner that Applicant would be provisionally electing the method and device of claims 1-24. Applicant further authorized an Examiner Amendment to rewrite claim 25 in dependent form off the device claim 19. Subsequent to that discussion, the Examiner contacted the undersigned and requested that the change to claim 25 be prepared by Applicant as a Supplemental Preliminary Amendment. This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment thus amends claim 25 to depend from claim 19 and fall within the provisionally elected invention.

The application containing claims 1-25 is in condition for examination and allowance. Consideration and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the number listed below if such a call would in any way facilitate examination of the application.

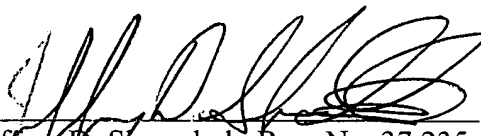
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